

SENATE BILL NO. 150

BY SENATORS THOMPSON, ALLAIN, GALLOT, LONG AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1604(A)(3) and (5), 1743(A) and (C), and 3801(C)(3) and (G), relative to changes in the membership of certain commissions within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide for the membership of the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission; to provide for the membership of the Louisiana Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission; to provide for the membership of the Horticulture Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:1604(A)(3) and (5), 1743(A) and (C), and 3801(C)(3) and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1604. Boll Weevil Eradication Commission

A. In accordance with R.S. 36:901, the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission is hereby created within and is transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and shall consist of eight members as follows:

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(3) One cotton producer ~~who does not hold membership in the Louisiana Cotton and Grain Association or the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation~~ to be appointed by the commissioner from a list of nominees submitted by the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development and a list of nominees submitted by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development.

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(5) ~~The chairman~~ **A member** of the Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association **selected by the executive board of the association**, ~~or his designee~~, who shall serve as an ex officio member in an advisory capacity.

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§1743. Louisiana Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission;  
creation and organization

A. The Louisiana Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission is created with its domicile at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be composed of ~~thirteen~~ **eleven** members, ~~twelve~~ **ten** of whom shall be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry. The ~~thirteenth~~ **eleventh** member shall be the commissioner, **or his designee**, who shall serve as an ex officio member of the commission with the same rights and privileges, including voting rights, as other members. Four of the ~~twelve~~ **ten** members to be appointed shall be practical sweet potato growers, four shall be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes, **and three two** shall be commercial processors, ~~and one shall be a banker with knowledge of the sweet potato industry.~~

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C. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business and the carrying out of duties of the commission. Each member shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed for state officers. No member of the commission shall receive any salary, but each **appointed** member shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars per day for each day spent in actual attendance of meetings of the commission, or of meetings of duly appointed committees or subcommittees thereof, and such allowance for traveling expenses in attending the meetings as is allowed other state employees for traveling expenses.

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§3801. Horticulture Commission

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C. The following members shall be appointed by the commissioner, subject to confirmation of the Senate, and shall serve terms of four calendar years beginning with the year of appointment in accordance with the following provisions:

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(3) The licensed wholesale florist shall be appointed during the third year of each administration from ~~a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Wholesale Florists Association~~ **the wholesale florists licensed by the commission.**

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G. The commissioner of agriculture and forestry, the assistant commissioner for agricultural and environmental sciences, and the director of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service may name designees to attend meetings for those officers. The commissioner ~~shall~~ may appoint an alternate member for each member he appoints. If the member is appointed from a list of nominees, the alternate shall be appointed from the same list. Any designee or alternate who attends a meeting as a representative of a member shall have the same rights, powers, and privileges, including voting rights, as the member he represents.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_